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Colombia Rice Production Update 2005

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Report Highlights:

Colombian paddy rice production is projected to decline to 2.167 million tons from the previous 2.317 million tons estimated for 2005. Planted area decreased by 40,000 hectares in marginal production areas where the yield is lower and poorer land conditions than the country average.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Colombia's rice production is expected to decrease to 2.167 million tons paddy basis, 150,000 metric tons lower than the previous estimate of 2.317 million tons for 2005. This reduction is due to a lower planted area of 40,000 hectares in marginal production areas. Higher stocks accumulated during 2004, lower expected prices and poor land conditions explain the reduction in the area planted. Imports and stocks decrease are expected to cover the reduction in production. The estimates are based on information collected from local contacts. The government of Colombia, ministry of agriculture, is currently estimating a drop in production (green paddy basis) of 12.6% (from 2.84 million tons to 2.48 million tons).

Colombia							
Rice, Milled							
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		01/2003		01/2004		01/2005	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	480	480	490	495	0	460	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	146	146	133	158	128	203	(1000 MT)
Milled Production	1367	1367	1385	1380	0	1300	(1000 MT)
Rough Production	2278	2278	2308	2300	0	2167	(1000 MT)
MILLING RATE (.9999)	6000	6000	6000	6000	0	6000	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Imports	75	60	85	105	0	50	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Imports	85	60	100	105	0	50	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	1588	1573	1603	1643	128	1553	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1455	1415	1475	1440	0	1450	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	133	158	128	203	0	103	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1588	1573	1603	1643	0	1553	(1000 MT)